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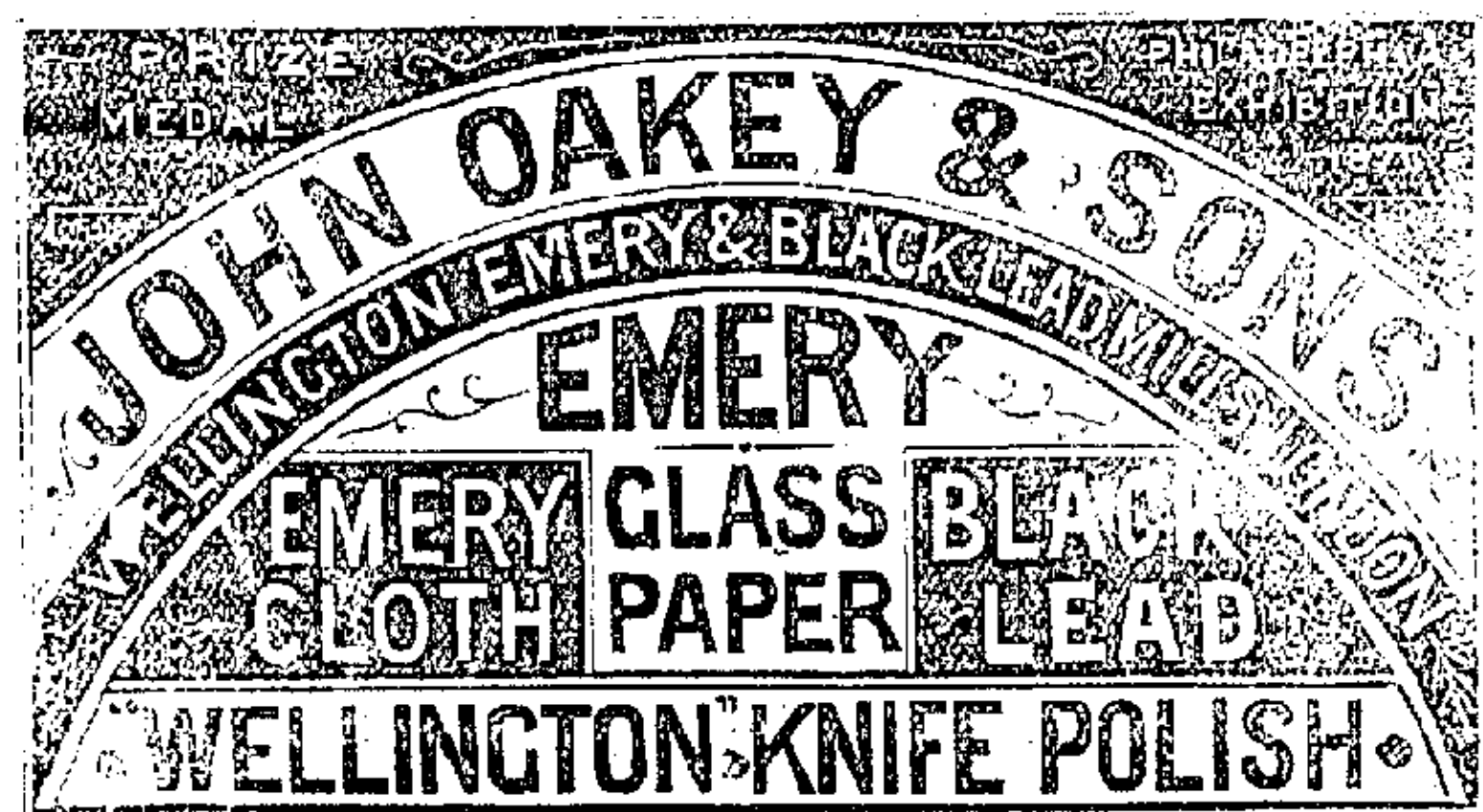


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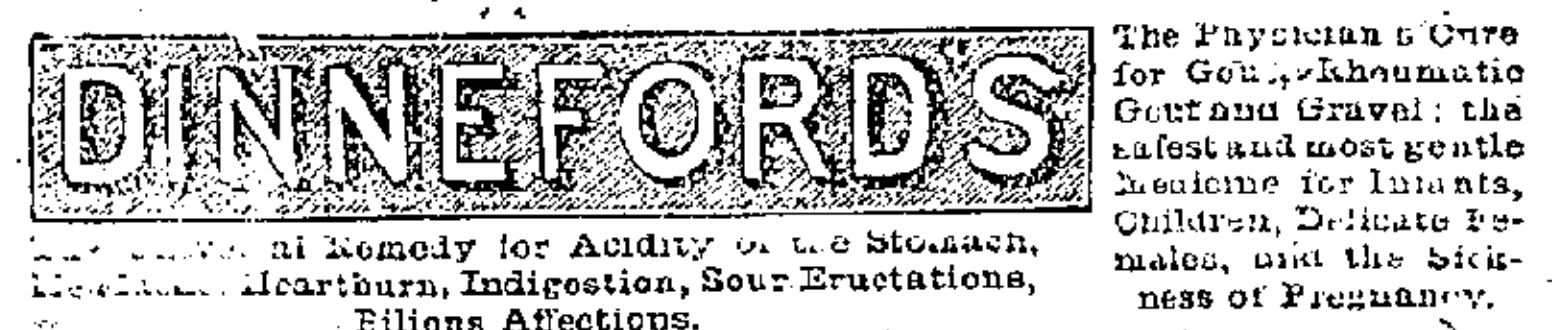
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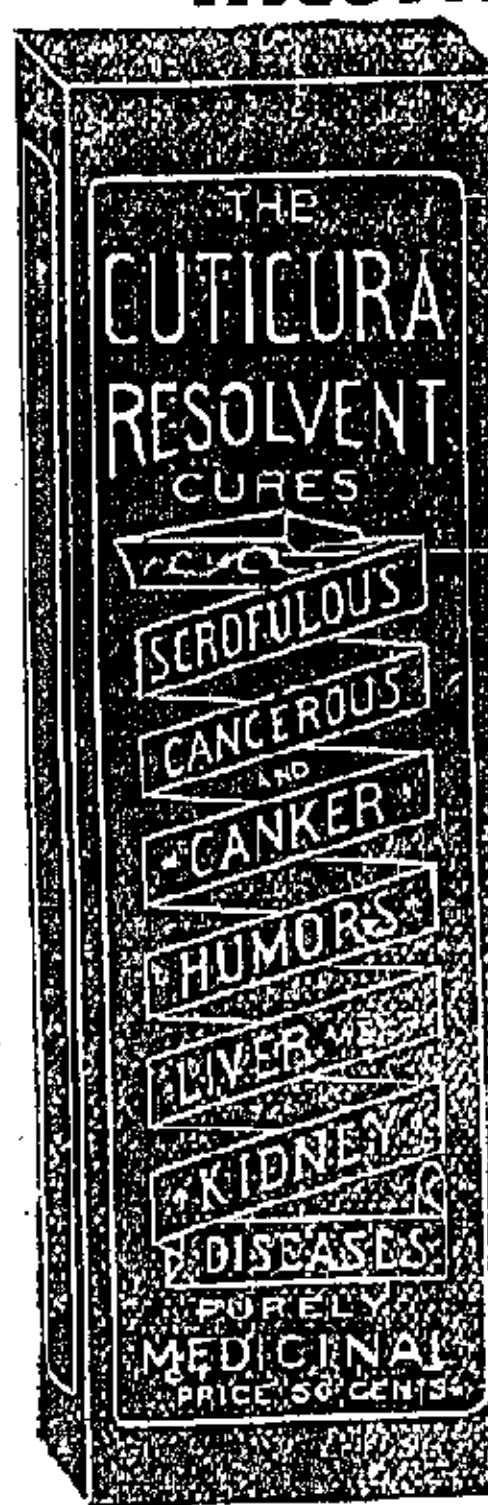


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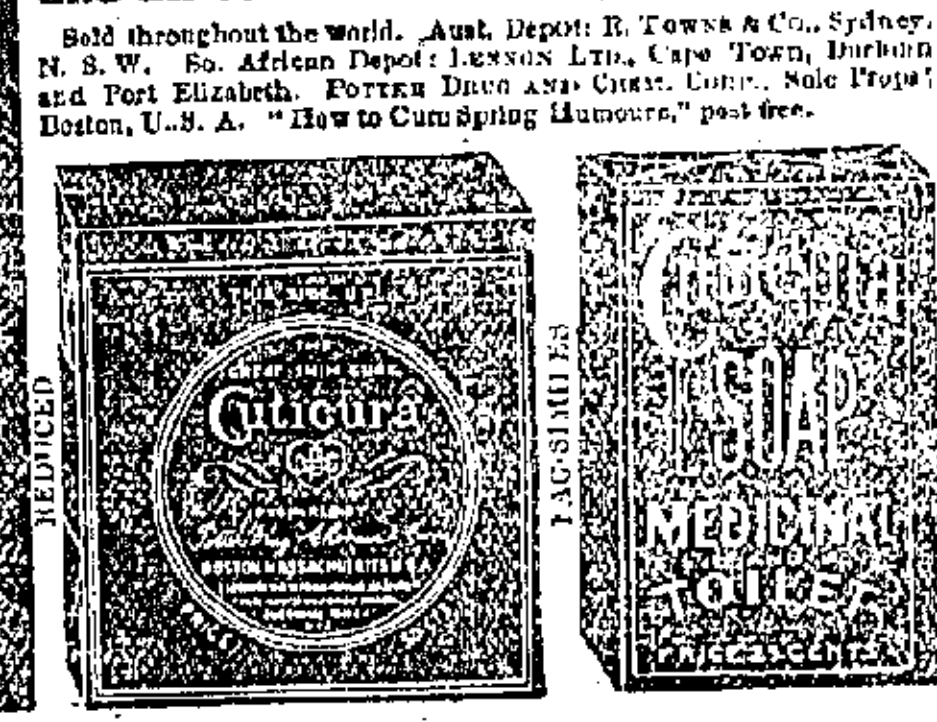
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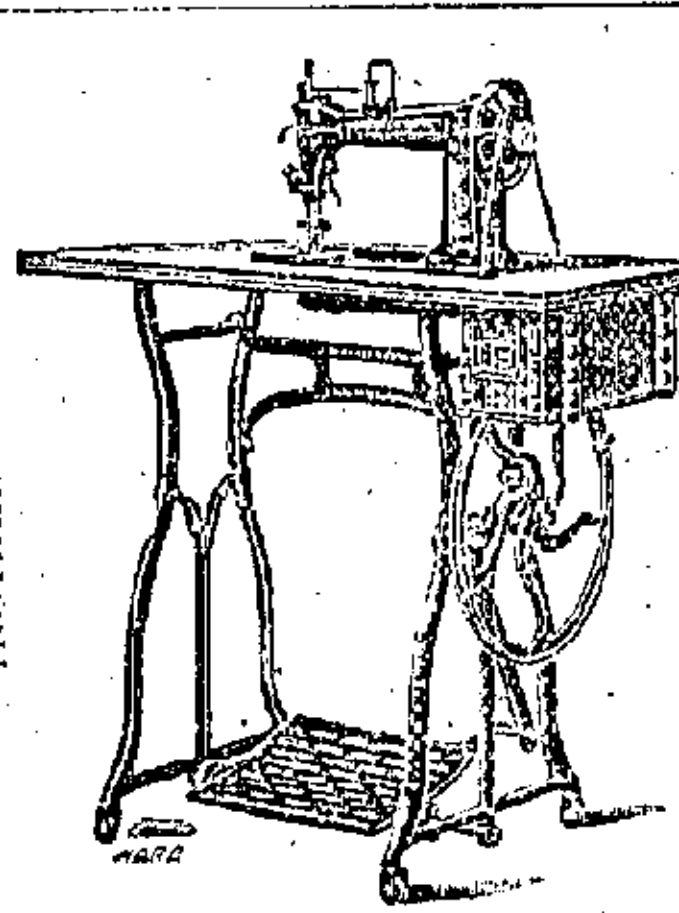
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However, thinking was not of much use; if the horrible thing had any meaning at all, the significance was of the most immediate and pressing importance. The warning would have been given in vain if he did not act upon it at once. Duguid lit the gasjet, and twisted up the telegram to destroy it. Then he hesitated again and spread out the paper once more, as though he hoped yet to find some explanation of the mystery. It told him nothing, and again he rolled it up into a ball. Kneading it at the gas, he waited till the flame reached his fingers at the extreme point that it was possible to hold, before allowing the grey ash to flutter down on the ground. Even then he eyed it distrustfully, and took the further precaution to crush the remains of the tell-tale message with his sole. Next came the question of flight. Among the calendars on the wall was the date-table of a shipping company, and this suggested the readiest means of escape. From sheer fright Duguid had lost the power of connected thinking, and saw nothing before him but flight and, more vaguely, the necessity for covering his traces. There was a boat leaving Liverpool on the Wednesday, and this was Tuesday afternoon. At this season of the year there should be vacant berths and at any rate he would be safely beyond Queenstown long before the Board meeting on Friday. Immediate escape was easy unless the enemy (or was it a friend?) took prompt action. It was easy enough to cash a cheque for himself even now, an hour after the Bank had closed to the public for the day, but the cheque must not be too large lest it should provoke enquiry. Fifty pounds would be enough for the moment, and there were means by which more money could be raised in New York.

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Most certainly not. David Duguid was timid, and shuddered at the idea of confiding in his Agnes—just as he shuddered every morning before pulling the string of his shower-bath. He lived, somehow, through the evening, trembling at every sound.

Wednesday morning came after a night of at least a hundred hours, and at the usual time he started for the bank. His nervous terror suggested the absurd idea that policeman whom he passed turned his head to glance at him, and were taking mental note of his movements; but he dodged them somehow and reached the latter office where the expected telegram was awaiting him. The passage was secured, and if he could live safely through the eternity of eighty minutes the hour would come for the train that should reach Liverpool just in time for him to slip unperceived on board the ship. In this part of the town there were many coffee-houses, not too clean, perhaps, but at all events places where a man could hide himself and rest for an hour or so in the early hours of the working day. Here he would wait through the interval till noon, and then escape.

Meanwhile, events centring in the unfortunate fugitive were developing rapidly. Conolly was early at the office, and was waiting anxiously for the chance of a word with him. Ten o'clock came, but not the usually punctual banker. At the quarter past, Conolly could hear suspense no longer, but took down his hat and hurried to Mr Duguid's home. Here he was told that the banker had left for the office at his usual time. Full of foreboding, Conolly made his way to the Police Station, and begged a private interview with the Superintendent. This was granted, and the old man soon found himself seated in a comfortable chair in the office.

'What can we do for you, Mr Conolly?' asked Inspector Dent.

'Well, sir, it is not a long story, but rather a nasty one for my boy, and I hoped that if I came straight to you, you might be kind enough to help me out of an ugly scrape. You see, sir, I have a son, a smart lad at the Higher Grade school, but rather mischievous, as they will be, won't they, sir?'

'Go on, please,' said the Inspector, taking a small bundle of papers from a pigeon-hole.

'Saturday was his birthday,' continued the wretched Conolly, twisting his hat round between his hands, 'and I gave him half-a-crown; I have to do him well for pocket money, as all his school-fellows know that his father's in a bank. What do you suppose the miserable boy did with the money?'

'I will tell you,' answered Dent promptly, 'your money of a son sent out of three telegrams.'

'Five,' groaned the unhappy father, 'and told me of it this morning at breakfast. He thought it was a grand joke. One was to the Bishop of Carechester.'

'I have a complaint from the Bishop here,' interjected the Inspector.

'One to the editor of the "Carechester Chronicle," one to the Rev. J. Henryson, the Baptist minister, one to Dr. Carmine and one to Mr Duguid at the bank.'

'Well, it is lucky you came to me so promptly. We may get your lad off with an apology, though I should advise you to let him finish his education away from Carechester. The Bishop, the doctor and the Baptist parson have sent out their telegrams to me for enquiry. Henryson is especially venomous about it. Carmine says, he supposes it is from one of the lads who make such a fuss over the "Carnegie" inquiry. The Bishop says something about Swayed Disobed, but that's Greek. Here it is—'Fly at once: all is discovered.' That's your precious wire. I expect the editor and old Duguid dropped the things into the waste paper basket as not worth the trouble of worrying over.'

'An afraid that Mr Duguid has gone,' said Conolly in great distress. 'I was waiting to explain and apologise this morning and he never came. I meant to tell him—'

'Never mind that, roughly interrupted the Inspector, 'answer my questions. Do you know of anything wrong with the accounts?'

'Nothing.'

'Do you know of any business that might call Mr Duguid away?'

'None.'

'Did he ask for a Bradshaw yesterday afternoon, or anything of that sort?'

'He has one in his office. Ah, now I remember, he took fifty pounds off me when he went home, and he had stayed later than usual.'

'Very well, Mr Conolly. Kindly come back in an hour, and be ready to tell me everything you can. I am going round to Mr Duguid's myself. Mind you, keep quiet over the affair. I don't suppose it means anything, but any way I can tell you it makes things worse for that hopeful son of yours. I could get the others to accept an apology, but after this, if it gets out that you suspected him of bolting, Duguid will make it hot for both of you. Take my advice. Keep your mouth shut, and come back here at—yes, at half-past twelve.'

Dismissing his visitor, Inspector

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

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BIRTH.
At Pootung, on the 23rd January, the wife of H. M. Thompson, J. M. Customs, of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.
On the 11th January, at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Shanghai, by the Rev. Father John Savary, S.J., and on the 18th January, 1902, at H.K.M. Consulate-General, by Pelham Warren, Esq., C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General, HARRY OWEN, third son of Augustus White, of Augusta, second daughter of A. M. da Silva.

DEATH.
On the 19th January, at 29, Carter Road, Shanghai, EDWARD PROVIS WICKHAM, second son of the late Major Wickham, 10th and 11st Regiments; aged 42 years.

The publication of this issue commenced on 5.25 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1902.

At the last meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Secretary read a circular letter from the Liverpool Incorporated Chamber of Commerce, dated 4th November, transmitting copy of a memorial addressed to the Secretary of State for India in Council upon the subject of the Burma-Shan-China railway and its extension into the province of Szechuen, and asking the Hongkong Chamber to support the memorial by making similar representations to His Majesty's Government. The Committee were not favourable to the scheme, which they regarded as impracticable and costly, and it was decided to reply to the effect that the Chamber is not prepared to support the memorial, and desired to direct attention to the speeches made by Lord Curzon on the subject during his recent tour through Burma.

We are not astonished at the answer given by the Hongkong Chamber. Public opinion is changing with regard to the railway race to Yunnan. The Times, we notice, is eager to dismiss as visionary the various proposals for railway extension from Burma to China, and, with Lord Curzon, to press rather for capital and enterprise to connect Burma and India by railroads. Surely this is a case of 'This ought you to have done but not the other' undone. Admitting all the arguments, that the routes are easier to the engineer between India and Burma, that traffic from China has from time immemorial followed the great waterways, that what might have been worth doing if we had control of the Yangtze valley is not so when we have no such dominant position nor are at all likely to acquire it, and that the railway to Yunnan would be costly and for a while unremunerative, the premises do not seem to carry us quite to the conclusion aimed at by the writer. 'We are told that we must deal with things as they are, a sound enough principle but apt to encourage opportunism. It requires amplification. We must deal with things as they are in the manner likely to make them what they ought to be. It does not become us to look only at surrounding circumstances, and neglect ends to be achieved. One aim is to get our exports into China. At present, the water-gates are the only gates open, and they are so governed that importer and merchant are harassed at every turn till prices are enhanced beyond the possibility of a sufficient demand. At the same time, there are land frontiers of hundreds of miles waiting to be crossed. Riverine authorities deal with passing traffic as they will, secure that there is no rival route. It is absolutely proved that the inhabitants of Yunnan or Szechuen have a desire for our textile products and other manufactures, and it is well able to pay for them. We must, therefore, in his interest and our own find the means by which the supply may reach the demand. Another consideration is that France is on the same track as ourselves. If we do not reach Yunnan overland, she will; and there is this difference between the doors of trade that Britain opens and those opened by Continental nations, that we may fairly be said to hold our commercial advantages in trust for humanity. It is but a minute part of German commercial enterprise that is directed to German Colonies. The Germans know that the Union Jack is the flag that trade follows, and they hasten to establish their commerce wherever we are. And it is good that it should be so. We have outgrown the days when narrow national selfishness could call itself patriotism, and an ignorant impatience of foreign competition masquerade as statesmanship. For this reason, it is a duty we owe to the civilised world that the keys of the

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Beer Prisoners in India.
It is stated that arrangements will be made for transferring the Beer prisoners at Umballa, Sialkot and Shahjehanpur to hill stations next spring.

Hongkong Christian Union.
The weekly prayer meeting will be held on Monday evening, at 8.15, in the room of the Union, 13 Beaufort Road. The Rev. T. W. Pearce will preside. There will be a meeting of the Committee immediately afterwards.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers.
The following is the Gazette notice of the Prince of Wales' appointment to the Royal Welch Fusiliers:—His Royal Highness George F. E. A., Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), and Royal Marines, to be Colonel-in-Chief.

Assault on Inspector of Buildings.
At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. Hazeland, Tse Pak Tong, bricklayer, and Kwan Tak, stonecutter, were up on remand charged with having, along with others not in custody, assaulted P. T. Crisp, Inspector of Buildings, at Tsimshatsui, on 11th inst. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Bees for the defendants. Mr. Crisp said he was inspecting a new block of buildings in course of erection in Robinson Road, Kowloon, and had some faults to find with bad brickwork, etc. He took a trowel from one of the men, and, using it as a lever, prised one-half of the faulty portion of wall one way and the other half the other. Part of the wall fell away as there was no bonding and it was hollow down the centre. First defendant said something and witness pushed some more bricks off. First defendant swore, and threw at witness, a brick which hit him on the arm. Witness followed, but a number of workmen blocked his way. The second defendant struck witness on the breast with his elbow, and afterwards threw a brick, which witness managed to dodge. Crisp, after an exciting chase caught hold of first defendant and saw he had some steel instrument in his hand. Witness got on his bicycle and reported the matter to the police. After further evidence, the defendants were each fined \$25, with the option of six weeks' imprisonment.

JOHNSON: 'That man, Williams never lost his head in a football game yet, did he?' 'No, I think not. He's lost an ear, part of his nose, and some teeth; but I do not remember ever hearing of his losing his head.'

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TELEGRAMS.
[CHINESE MAIL SPECIAL SERVICE.]

THE MURDER OF A FRENCH PRIEST.
District Magistrate to be Punished.
SHANGHAI, January 24.

On the 20th inst., an Imperial Decree was issued ordering that the Magistrate of Chi Hing, (in the Province of Kwangtung) shall be punished as he deserves by the Board of Punishment for his failure to report to his superior a case of murder committed within his jurisdiction. This was the murder of a French priest and a Catholic convert.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.
LONDON, 23rd January, 1902.
Lord Kitchener reports that General Lord Methuen, in a running fight over eight miles, captured a Boer laager at Boschpoort, taking 24 prisoners, 91 waggon and 2,000 cattle. General Bruce-Hamilton has captured 27 of Botha's men.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PERSIA.
Viscount Cranborne, speaking in the House of Commons, said that it was impossible for the Government, at whatever cost, to abandon British rights in Persia, more especially in the Persian Gulf and Southern Persia. The press of all shades applauds Viscount Cranborne's statement.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.
MARQUIS ITO has left Rome for Naples.

REDUCTION OF DINGLEY TARIFF.
NEW YORK, January 16.
Majority Senate Committee recommends reduction of twenty-five per cent Dingley tariff on imports from the Philippine Islands, also a reduction of amount equal to the export duty collected in the Philippines.

McKinley Memorial Services.
Joint Congressional McKinley memorial services are to be held on Feb. 27 when Secretary of State John Hay will be orator.

CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES.
NEW YORK, January 17.
Secretary Root recommends consolidation of Quartermaster, Subsistence and Pay Departments under a Major-General, with four Brigadier Generals to direct subsistence, finance, transportation and construction bureaus.

BRITISH WARSHIP OVERDUE.
The British warship *Comet* is long overdue at Honolulu from Esquimaux, and is believed to be lost.

U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.
The Senate Committee reports favorably on the ship subsidy bill.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.
A new Chinese bill has been introduced to exclude Chinese residing in the Philippines.

PHILIPPINE MAIL SERVICE.
A postal feature of the ship subsidy bill proposes a weekly mail service between the United States and the Philippines.

REDUCTION OF TROOPS IN PHILIPPINES.
Secretary of War Root is preparing to order the Ninth and Thirteenth Infantry Regiments. A gradual reduction of the force to 25,000 men, including 5,000 native troops, is being planned.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.
It is estimated that 300 lives were lost during the earthquake in Mexico last Thursday.

THE FRIAR QUESTION.
Secretary of War Root urges the government to purchase all lands belonging to the friars in the Philippines.

A WOULD-BE ASSASSIN.
Private Frank Rakowski at Fort Canby, State of Washington, has been expelled from the Army and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for having threatened to assassinate President Roosevelt.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Commodore's Cup.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., the second race for the Commodore's Cup was sailed in a steady easterly breeze of almost whole sail strength, the course being round a mark boat in Quarry Bay, Kowloon Rock, and the south buoy on the East Rocks. Under the weather conditions prevailing both *Alannah* and *Boat* appeared to travel slightly faster than *Colleen* on all points of sailing, while *Boat* showed that she had in no way diminished her speed, for on the wind she kept creeping away from the new copies of herself, although she was slightly slower of the wind.

The official timing at the finish was—

	H. M. S. MARKS.
<i>Alannah</i>	4 27 39 10
<i>Boat</i>	4 31 07 4
<i>Colleen</i>	4 31 55 1
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The *Alannah* would have been further ahead only she left out the buoy in Hong Kong Bay on the second round and had to go back. *Boat* had to go up as a junk and foul of her and broke her forestay.

SECOND CLASS.

Only *Mad Marion*, *Doreen*, and *Payne* turned out in this class. *Mad Marion* was first over the line, with *Doreen* close under her lee, but she lost out to the *Duck* point *Doreen* opened out a good lead, however, she made the mistake of carrying on for too long towards Channel Rocks before standing over to the Island shore, and lost her lead, *Mad Marion* rounding the first mark a minute ahead of *Doreen*, and 2 mins. ahead of *Payne*. On the broad reach to Kowloon Rock, *Mad Marion* increased her lead, and continuing to gain on the reach to Duck Point she rounded the buoy in Hong Kong Bay with a lead of 4 mins. from *Doreen* and 7 mins. from *Payne*. This time *Mad Marion* showed her speed, and the *Doreen* and *Payne* were well behind her. *Mad Marion* holding her lead from *Doreen*, whilst *Payne* dropped another minute after rounding the mark boat in Quarry Bay. From this point, *Mad Marion* gained steadily, eventually finishing 10 mins. 37 secs. ahead of *Payne*, and 17 mins. 37 secs. in hand—a most satisfactory tribute to the ability of the handicapping committee.

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Seventh Club Race.

On Sunday, the 19th inst., *Alannah* and *Boat* did battle for the Seventh Club Race. *Alannah* started, but was completely outpaced. There was a fresh breeze from the East at the start, and the two cracks got away on very even terms, *Boat* to leeward but slightly ahead. For a time, it seemed that the old boat would hold her rival, but opposite the Ducks *Alannah* took the lead, reaching Kowloon Rock about a minute ahead but burst her main sheet when rounding letting *Boat* up again. *Boat* worked her way out of the tide up to Lyceum, and a halfway between Channel Rocks and the Beacon appeared to have a long lead, the wind being very light, but *Alannah*, in her turn, got a lift, and closed up round the mark, passed her on the reach to Kowloon Rock, and the two started for the beach with *Alannah* about one length ahead. *Boat* unfortunately, through a stupid mistake of her skipper, who thought he was going back to Lyceum again, overshot her mark by about a quarter of a mile, thus letting *Alannah* away and spelling a most exciting race.

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<i>Boat</i>	5 30 35 4 42
<i>Boat</i>	5 37 55 1 3

The one-design class started at 1.10. *Kathleen* getting away with the best start from the south end of the line, with *Min* and *Colleen* about two lengths behind her. *Boat* started from the north end, but being on port tack had to give way to *Kathleen*, but weathered the other two. Near Black-head Point, *Min* had the misfortune to carry away her mainmast and lay to. Shortly after clearing Blackhead, *Boat* passed through *Kathleen*'s lee, and got into first place, and rounded Kowloon Rock a few lengths ahead of *Kathleen*, *Colleen* being about a minute or so astern. In the best up to the Lyceum, *Boat* showed numerous all-patches having to be negotiated, *Colleen*'s light-weight qualities brought her to the front, and she rounded the tower with about 5 minutes to the goal. *Boat* being about two lengths ahead of *Kathleen* and *Min* not far behind. In the run to Kowloon Rock, *Kathleen* went into second place. No further changes took place, but the boats closed up a little, and the line was crossed as follows—

	H. M. S. MARKS.
<i>Colleen</i>	5 42 17 50
<i>Kathleen</i>	5 43 40 10
<i>Boat</i>	5 44 40 19
<i>Min</i>	did not finish

There were 5 starters in the Second Class, *Mad Marion* being first over the line with *Chanticleer*, *Boat*, *Payne*, and *Motor* close astern. Barring to the Duck Point, *Chanticleer* and *Payne* stood well into Hong Kong Bay, and over the shoal, which just enabled *Chanticleer* to cross *Mad Marion* before she came abreast of the point. At the first mark, however, *Mad Marion* was leading by a minute with *Payne* 2nd and *Chanticleer* 3rd. In beating to Lyceum, the 2nd class boats were unable to profit by seeing that the One-Design class had the wind ahead when close under the shore, whereas it was fairer when further out in the tide-way, and this enabled them to draw up. *Mad Marion* was first round the beacon, *Payne* not rounding until 9 mins. later, partly owing to her having to make a short tack, to weather the mark, in a strong tide and practically a flat calm. Rounding to Kowloon Rock, *Mad Marion* further increased her lead, and came right up to some of the One-Design class. It was now merely a question if *Mad Marion* could gain sufficiently to save her time from

Colleen, but this she was just able to do with the narrow margin of 51 secs., which she has been less than a junk put *Colleen* out of her course just before reaching the line.

Finishing times were—

	H. M. S. MARKS.
<i>Mad Marion</i> (1)	3 44 41
<i>Payne</i> (2)	3 57 22
<i>Chanticleer</i> (3)	3 58 45
<i>Motor</i> (4)	3 59 47
<i>Boat</i> (5)	4 5 12

THE AFFAIR ON THE 'PERU'.

Further Evidence.

The following is the evidence taken after we went to press yesterday in the *Peru* affair, in which the chief steward of the *Peru* is charged with attempting to murder Captain Pillsbury—

The Captain was cross-examined by the defendant. On your oath, sir, were you not in room No. 3, occupied by the stewardess, and I knocked and said 'What are you doing there. Is this not a shame?'—I was not in the room.

Have I not caught you in the stewardess' room on a previous occasion?—No, but I have found you there.

His Worship (to witness)—No, no, you must answer the question: no more. Addressing defendant, His Worship said—I may tell you that the course I intend to take is to commit you for trial, and you will have to be committed from week to week until the *Peru* returns. You will be tried before the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, as this is a case in which I have no jurisdiction. All I have to do is to take the evidence and commit the case for trial. I think it only fair to explain this to you. However, you may put any questions you like.

Defendant had no further questions. James McDermott, night watchman, who has only one arm, said he was on duty on the night of the 23rd January. The defendant returned to the ship at 9.20 p.m. Between 11.30 and midnight, witness was sitting in the pantry having a cup of coffee when he heard a disturbance in the saloon on the starboard side. He went over to that side, and met the stewardess coming out of No. 3. He heard a scuffle in No. 3, and then called the main-deck watchman. He took the lamp off the table, and went to No. 3 cabin. He and the other watchman met the Captain and the defendant coming out of No. 3. The Captain said 'Put him in his stateroom.' The defendant said 'I wanted to speak to the Captain, but the Captain said he would speak to him in the morning. The defendant had been ordered to his cabin. The Captain then went to defendant's cabin and remained for five or ten minutes. The Captain and defendant then came out and went to the after saloon. About an hour afterwards, while witness was outside the saloon, he heard the defendant say in the saloon 'Captain Pillsbury, I will kill you.' Then he heard the report of a rifle. He went into the saloon, and saw the defendant with a rifle in his shoulder. The Captain was on the other side of the table and came up and grappled with the defendant. Both fell down, and witness grabbed the rifle and threw it away under the water filter. Witness went back and found the Captain and defendant still struggling, the defendant on top of the Captain. Witness called the Chief Officer, and defendant was then put in irons. The Captain was fully dressed, and the defendant had his shirt-pieces and boots on. After the shot was fired, witness heard the defendant say two or three times 'Captain Pillsbury, I will kill you.'

Josephine Wenne-Jorgensen, stewardess, who was in tears during her examination, said that, on the night in question, she retired to bed about 10.30 in No. 3 cabin. She was awakened by a crash at the door, and heard a voice saying 'Captain, you cannot do this. I have got too much respect for that woman. I will kill you.' The Captain and defendant were struggling in the cabin. The defendant was sent to his cabin by order of the Captain. Witness had then left her cabin, and went to the social hall. She was then taken to her own cabin where the Captain brought defendant to apologise to her. Defendant was too excited to apologise, and said he did not owe an apology. The Captain then took witness to No. 3 cabin. Witness sat down on the table, and the Captain next to the door. The door was locked back, and there was a big light in front of the door. Witness and the Captain were there quite a while, and then she heard a report of a rifle, and the Captain rushed out. Witness followed, and saw a struggle between the Captain and the defendant. She did not remember anything else that happened.

There were no questions by the defendant. This concluded the day's evidence, and the case was adjourned until the 31st inst., at 10 a.m.

Defendant—Any bail, your Worship? His Worship—No, I am afraid not. The *Peru* left to-day, and returns about 4th April. The witnesses were bound over to the Criminal Sessions of that month.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

A Calcutta Mystery.
Calcutta, Jan. 8.—The body of a European was found yesterday impaled on the square-shaped spikes of the railing outside the house of Fort William. The victim has not been identified; and the body has been removed to the morgue.

Jan. 9.—The European who was found impaled on the railings at Fort William yesterday, has been identified as Mr. Gordon, a member of the British India Staff, *Managers*. The deceased was buried yesterday. How he met his death is a mystery.

A London M.P. Resigns.
London, January 7.—Mr. E. Brodie Moore, Member for Beaconsfield, has resigned his seat.

The Victoria Memorial.
Jan. 8.—The public subscriptions to the Victoria Memorial only totalled £135,400. It is understood the King will be compelled to ask Parliament for a grant.

Marquis Ito.
January 6.—Marquis Ito this afternoon received a deputation of the Japan Society, and granted the work of the Society done in commemorating friendly relations between Japan and Great Britain.

Jan. 9.—At the King's request the British Ambassador in Paris, accompanied by his Secretaries, all in uniform called on Marquis Ito today at the Japanese Legation, and ceremoniously invested him with the Grand Cross of the Bath.

Marquis Ito said the happiest recollection of his whole journey was his reception in England and especially at the Guildhall.

Polish Troubles in Prussia.
January 10.—Two battalions of German troops have been ordered to Werschen in East Prussia owing to disturbances caused by the severe treatment of the Polish

school children who are compelled to speak German. The Finance Minister of the East Prussian Diet said the Poles were going to reap the whirlwind.

The Prince of Wales and India.
Though it appears there is some ground for expectation that the Prince of Wales will visit India at the end of the year, the official announcement is not likely to be made until after the Coronation.

'Dropping the Atmosphere.'
Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Newcastle, said if unity in the Liberal party was to be obtained it must be on the lines of Lord Rosebery's Chesterfield speech. They might as well, he said, talk about dropping the atmosphere as the Irish question. They might drop some questions but not that.

The Irish and Lord Rosebery.
Calcutta, January 7.—The London correspondent of the *Englishman* states that Mr. Rosebery visited Sligo on Friday and met with a great reception. In a speech on the occasion of the Nationalist party at Westminster, he referred to Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield, particularly that portion which advised the Liberal party to dissolve its Irish Alliance. Mr. Rosebery huddled defiance at the Liberal Imperialists, and urged Lord Rosebery to withdraw his regretful regrets from the Liberal party. He assured the Earl, that the Radicals and Irish Nationalists were more than a match for a Rosebery-Chamberlain Coalition Government. The cleavage between the Liberal Imperialists and the Radicals is becoming pronounced, and threatens to develop into the disruption of the Liberal party.

The Language Agitation in Malta.
London, January 5.—The agitation in Malta against the substitution of English for Italian, and the imposition of new taxes by Order of Council continues. The Archbishop and Chapter of the Cathedral have presented a petition to the Governor for submission to H. M. the King against the change.

The Donor of the £200,000.
January 7.—It is formally announced that the donor of the £200,000 sterling which His Majesty the King has arranged to devote to a model sanatorium for consumption, is Sir Ernest Cassel, the Egyptian financier, who is now on his way to visit India. Sir Ernest Cassel enjoys at the present moment the reputation of being the closest person in the world to the throne, and direct with His Majesty on the evening before his departure eastward.

South Africa and Cipher Telegrams.
Calcutta, January 5.—A notification states that the British Government has decided to suspend at Aden and Cape Town the transmission of all telegrams in code or cipher, whether of Foreign Government or private persons, to or from British Central Africa, St. Helena, and Ascension Island. Telegrams in plain language will be subject to censorship, and only accepted at the risk of the sender.

Re-assembling of Parliament.
London, January 7.—The Times says it does not suppose that the Government is in the least danger of a serious check in the debate on the Address, notwithstanding the discontent that undoubtedly prevails; but it would be extremely foolish for Ministers to show the slackness displayed last year.

The Indian Frontier.
Calcutta, January 4.—Reports from spies in Wagair show that the casualties of the Mahads in the recent operations were heavy, wounds being mostly in the head and shoulders, indicating that they utilized cover.

January 7.—Operations are still proceeding in the Mahadul country. The only news regarding which information is at present available is that under Colonel Macdonald, and destroyed the defences above Kozhob, capturing guns and herds, and meeting with slight opposition, the casualties being one man killed and five wounded.

January 8.—Captain C. P. Down, Political Officer, Teoh, was seriously wounded yesterday when out with Colonel Macdonald's column towards the Teoh Valley. A bullet passed through his shoulder coming out at the other side.

Miscellaneous South African News.
London, January 5.—Strong drafts of Artillery and Infantry have left Aldershot for Southampton, to embark for South Africa.

A craft of nearly 100 is ordered to leave Dover early next week. 1,200 goods wagons are in course of shipment to the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony, and have been entirely supplied by British firms.

Great activity prevails at Shorpditch Camp, where a new Mounted Infantry Company is forming under Captain Moore, of the Indian Staff Corps.

January 6.—The Constabulary under Major Bouverie, who is on duty in the Major Orange River Colony on the 4th inst., and killed one Field Cornet and ten men, besides capturing two Field Cornets and 33 men.

In response to a request of Lord Kitchener, the new Australian contingent will include a number of trained troopers.

Calcutta, January 6.—The London correspondent of the *Englishman* telegraphing on the 5th inst., states that the Prateria correspondent of *The Times* telegraphs that trade is rapidly reviving at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Every sign of a great boom in land. Land seven miles from Johannesburg is selling at £50 per acre.

1000 Boers were accounted for in December.

The Bangalore transport department are recruiting fourteen hundred khistis, lascars, sappers, farriers and carpenters for South Africa, of whom five hundred have already been engaged, including some European carpenters.

January 7.—Active recruiting is in progress in Scotland for a Mounted Corps which 'Viscount' Finlay is raising for service in South Africa. The response has been most enthusiastic.

January 9.—Reuter wiring from Johannesburg, says that the Boer force is considerable, and are only struggling to make the loss of their independence as expensive as possible to the British.

Lord Kitchener reports that the second gun lost at Bitterfontein, previously reported as destroyed, has been recovered.

TO GET RID OF A TROUBLE-SOME CORN.
FIRST seek it in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing the blood, and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm three times daily; rub vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general remedy for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, 'Pain Balm' is unequalled. For sale by ALL Dealers. WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

REVIEW.

Kim. By Rudyard Kipling. Macmillan's Colonial Library. London. Macmillan and Co. (Forwarded by Messrs Kelly and Walsh).

Kipling's new novel is one of the five or six most popular books of the period. It is easy to understand why this is so. In our opinion, it is one of the finest products of the post-novelist. It is a poem in prose, a masterpiece of a master-worker. It gives a glimpse of the secret service system of India, but is charming for its own sake which is the knowledge of the common life of the people of India. Kim's full name is Kimball O'Hara. He is the offspring of an ex-sergeant of an Irish regiment—the Mavericks—who had taken his discharge in India, and, in a manner not unknown to us in Hongkong, has fallen from the high status which is the inheritance of the European. On his death, Kim becomes the most pitiable of all pitiable objects—a European orphan living in a native environment. How Kim, having attached himself to a Tibetan lama, performs a service for an agent of the Indian government, and is then trained for the secret service, must be left for the reader to discover.

The Death of Captain Hastings, R.N.
Among the wreaths placed on the grave of the late Captain Hastings, R.N., Postmaster General of Hongkong, at the Happy Valley, on Wednesday, was one from the United Service Lodge, No. 1341, R.C., of which the deceased was for several years a member and Past Master. It is worthy of mention that the late Captain Hastings had special prominence in Free Masonry, and had attained a higher number of degrees than the vast majority of Masons ever attain to. Among the local positions he held, was that of Past Senior Grand Warden of Hongkong and South China. Other wreaths sent were from H. E. Major-General Sir W. Gaselee, K.C.M.G., Acting Governor; Hon. J. H. Stewart Leitch, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary; Lieutenant Binks, son of H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., the Police, etc., etc.

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Band—22nd Bombay Infantry. Bagpipes—H. K. & S. Battalion, R.A. Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong will kindly assist.

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Dress Circle \$2 Promenade \$1
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Intimations.
VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525, E.C.
A REGULAR CONVOCACTION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 3rd February, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING COMPANIONS are cordially invited to attend.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd January to 4th February inclusive.
By order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 15, 1902. 108

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Trustees: Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G., G. B. DOWWELL, Esq., R. SHEWAN, Esq.
Hongkong, January 2, 1902.

THE Twenty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 p.m., on THURSDAY, 6th February, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1901, and the Report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th current to the 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th January, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 6, Macdonnell Road, SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

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DOG.
LOST or STOLEN, on the Praya, a FOX TERRIER, 8 1/2 months old, black and white spotted over tail. Finder bringing to Captain A. E. HENNESSY, 1, Bellvue Terrace, will be suitably rewarded.
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